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SUBJ: ROKG ATTEMPTS TO THWART IRANIAN-NORTH KOREAN DEAL

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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL EXCHANGES WITH GOI ON STATUS OF IRANIAN-NORTH KOREAN TRADE DEAL AND AMBASSADOR HAS PRESENTED GOI WITH RUN-DOWN OF NORTH KOREA'S POOR PERFORMANCE AND LACK OF CREDIT WORTHINESS IN IMPLEMENTING SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HERE IS GENERALLY AWARE OF THESE EXCHANGES, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT CONFIDED IN HIM RE THE DETAILS OR THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. WE ASSUME HE HAS DULY REPORTED THIS TO SEOUL. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL CONFIRMING FOREGOING TO APPROPRIATE ROKG OFFICIALS WITH OBSERVATION THAT IT OUR IMPRESSION GOI GIVING OUR COMMENTS THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. WE DO NOT THINK IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO GO BEYOND THIS.

2. IN LAST CONVERSATION DCM HAD WITH SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HERE, LATTER TOLD HIM MUCH THE SAME STORY REPORTED REFTTEL. HE SAID ROKG WANTED TO GO BEYOND PURELY NEGATIVE POSTURE OF ARGUING AGAINST IRANIAN-NORTH KOREAN DEAL BY PROVIDING GOI WITH VIABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES. HE SAID THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM
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TOK-U, WHOM HE CHARACTERIZED AS ROKG OFFICIAL WHO HAS COMMAND CONTROL OVER ALL OF ROKG ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, WILL PRESENT GOI WITH ALTERNATIVE TRADE OFFER WHICH WILL BE "TWO OR THREE TIMES BIGGER THAN THE NORTH

KOREAN DEAL" AND ON FAR MORE GENEROUS TERMS. DCM
COMMENTED THAT THIS SEEMED TO BE A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE
APPROACH WHICH GOI WOULD APPRECIATED.
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